

On June 23, Jeff Constable contacted Harry Winter: I'm a retired Norwich Jr.Hi/MS science teacher. Jim Dunne gave me your email address. I have in my possession some documentation from a Hillcrest project led by Lyman Anderson's faculty in the early 1970's...I also have several photographs taken by Dave Doughty of the outdoor classroom activities done at the Center in May 1972. These photos are of the students and faculty utilizing the Center.... If you could help me direct these artifacts to someone, I would be grateful. My phone number is (607) 334-3039.

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Hillcrest Renewed

Dear Editor,

On July 31st, four of us interested in the ongoing renewal of Hillcrest Environmental Park met for breakfast at Bill's Diner and opened a box one of us, Jeff Constable, had recently found. About ten great photos from the early 1970's were in the box, and three of these have been placed on the Hillcrest website: www.hillcrestenv.org. Others will be placed there over the next few months, on the "current" page.

Jaan Aarismaa, the BOCES Conservation Instructor, updated us on the educational pavilion the BOCES Conservation students have built, and on the trail improvements. He told us that the beavers continue to make access to the park very difficult, but will be pursuing a resolution to the access road.

We discussed our hopes that Friends of Rogers, Cornell Extension, and other groups in Chenango County, will continue to be interested in Hillcrest. Earl Callahan volunteered to contact Rogers.

Hillcrest remains a jewel with great potential for public activities and learning as the county looks at tourism and outdoor activities as a way to attract people here. An unfortunate though common tragedy is the multiflora roses which we planted in the 1950's which continue to spread from Hillcrest to the neighboring properties. Student projects will continue to help control and eradicate the pesky plants.

Please see the website, current page, for the great photos of Hillcrest activities and personalities in the early 1970's, and continuing to today.

(Father) Harry Winter, NHS 1955.

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